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(54) Title: MODULATORS OF CELL-SURFACE RECEPTORS OF THE IG-CLASS

(57) Abstract: Method of identifying a modulator of CD28 comprising comparing a structural model of a candidate modulator with a structural model of CD28 to thereby determine whether the modulator will bind to CD28, wherein the structural model is derived from, or comprises, structural coordinates of a crystal of: (i) CD28, (ii) a fragment of CD28, or (iii) a homologue of (i) or (ii). The crystal of CD28 in a soluble form complexed with the Fab fragment of a mitogenic (superagonistic) antibody has been obtained and used for the determination of the 3D-structure of the receptor. The application also relates to modulators of superagonistic signalling for any receptor of the CD28 family, i.e. to superagonistic antibodies and chimeric proteins thereof, and to the screening of the superagonistic modulators. In the methods of screening, the binding of the candidate modulators to a portion of the receptor proximal to the cell membrane is investigated.

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Claims 34 and 35 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body. The search could only be carried out and based on the alleged effects of the therapeutically active compound/composition.
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Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

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1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
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1. claims: 1-18 and partially claims 32, 35.

Crystal structure of CD28 and its use in the screening of CD28 modulators. Claims 32 and 35 are to be considered within this group in so far as they only relate to the method of claims 1-9.

2. claims: 19, 20, 25-34 and partially claims 22-24, 35.

Superagonistic modulators of membrane receptors having an intracellular domain dependent on an extrinsic protein kinase, wherein the modulator binds to an extracellular domain of the receptor which is proximal to the cell membrane; peptides corresponding to said extracellular domains; screening methods for the identification of the superagonistic modulators and their medical uses. With respect to claim 34, it is considered that the steric effect, on which the claimed method is based, is inherent the binding of the modulating agent to the membrane-proximal domain. Accordingly, claim 34 has been incorporated in this group.

3. claims: 21 and partially claims 22-24, 35.

Chimeric proteins inducing a superagonistic signalling by membrane receptors having an intracellular domain dependent on an extrinsic protein kinase, wherein the chimeric proteins consist of two Fv antibody regions; their medical uses.

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